

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

(1) Please replace paragraph [0007] on page 2 with the following paragraph showing changes.

[0007] In accordance with an embodiment of the present invention a method for performing time and frequency SNR dependent weighting in speech recognition includes for each period t estimating the SNR to get time and frequency SNR information $\eta_{t,f}$; calculating the time and frequency weighting to get γ_{tf} ; performing the back and forth weighted time varying DCT transformation matrix computation MG_tM^{-1} to get T_t ; providing the transformation matrix computation T_t and the original MFCC feature o_t that contains the information about the SNR to a recognizer including the Viterbi decoding; and performing weighted Viterbi recognition $b_j(o_t)$.

(2) Please replace the Abstract on page 13 with the Abstract on the following page showing changes.